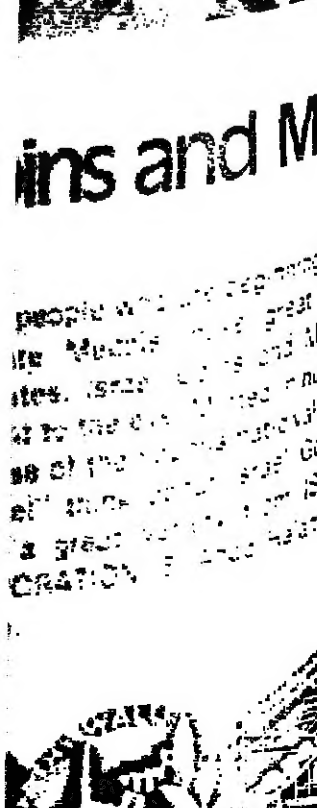


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Social and Personal

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received the members of the National Chess Olympiad Council, together with Education Minister Aharon Yadin, and Israel's representatives on the Olympiad team.

Mrs. Nina Katzir was yesterday guest of honour at the WIZO club in Jerusalem, where she was greeted by Michal Cohen, Chairman; Shula Broide, head of the Israel Federation of WIZO; and Hani Bergman, Chairman of the Council of Women's Organizations in Israel.

Elders of Kibbutz Ein Harod yesterday presented Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin with honey for the New Year. They had toured Jerusalem on the occasion of the 55th anniversary of the kibbutz, and later went to Tel Aviv to meet the Premier.

Representatives of 11 countries, mainly in Asia and Africa, were the guests of the Carmel Rotary Club last night at an event in the Dan Carmel Hotel marking "International Understanding Week" observed by the rotary movement in 151 countries. Dr. Avner Yaviv of Haifa University spoke on international relations.

Children's art in drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture, and handicrafts will go on show at the Haifa auditorium for one week beginning this evening, under the auspices of the Education Ministry and municipality.

ARRIVALS

Dr. Bruno Jarch, president of ORT Italy to participate in the Dedication of the ORT School of Engineering in Jerusalem.

The General Manager of the Moriah Hotel, Jerusalem, Haim Haviv, from a promotional tour in Europe (by El Al).

Israel begins air talks in Mexico

TEL AVIV. — An Israeli delegation headed by Civil Aviation Commissioner Naphthali Ben Yehuda and including El Al vice president Yehoram Shrem will meet counterparts in Mexico today to discuss the establishment of direct air links between the two countries.

Reports that an agreement calling for a weekly flight by El Al via Paris and a similar flight by the Mexican carrier Vuelo Mexicano to Rome had already been concluded were denied here yesterday. The rumour does, however, hint at what the Israeli aviation authorities may have in mind.

Flight connections between Israel and Mexico City would expand the work of El Al for the first time in over a decade and constitute a step towards a globe-circling route, El Al's long-time ambition.

On a more immediate basis, El Al is eyeing the Latin American market. At one stage it had a working agreement with Argentina, but the change of government there led to a wholesale revocation of earlier agreements. The air pact with Israel was one of the first to be wiped out.

With Mexico as an anchorage, El Al may also pursue New York to Mexico runs and possibly venture into the Pacific for the first time. Israel has reciprocal air rights in the Philippines, Thailand and Singapore — all concluded some years ago.

Lower charter rates

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Charter rates for winter holiday packages in Eilat are to be 35 per cent cheaper for the increased number of Danish vacationers expected from October.

News of the reduction was cabled to the Ministry for Tourism in Jerusalem yesterday by the Tysborg tour company in Copenhagen. The packages, including flight plus a week at half board — now range from 1,465 Danish crowns (about IL2,030) to 1,895 crowns (IL2,570), depending on the grade of hotel wanted.

Thirteen of the 22 weekly charters bearing excursionists to Israel this winter will come from Scandinavia — eight landing in Lod and five in Eilat.

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and extend heartfelt condolences to her husband,

Rabbi DAVID KIRSCHENBOIM,

founder of the fund, and to the entire family.

May they be consoled among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem, and be spared all further bereavement.

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LOTTE LEAH FRENKEL

Mt. Carmel, Haifa

passed away on Saturday, September 11, 1976.

She bequeathed her body to science.

Mourning by her sister, sons, daughter, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the Haifa Synagogue on Sunday, September 12, 1976, at 10:00 A.M.

Interment in the Haifa Cemetery.

For further information, contact the funeral home.

Funeral Home, Haifa.

'Guiding principle was equality' C'ttee advises easing Arab housing in North

By ABRAHAM BARNOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Extraordinary steps to ease the way for Arab building in the Galilee have been recommended by a top-level interministerial committee.

The committee's recommendations, whose confirmation by the Government seems assured, counters the spirit of the controversial "Koenig Memorandum" which had suggested ways of curbing Arab growth in the Galilee.

Haim Kuberaky, director-general of the Interior Ministry, told a press conference yesterday that the principle guiding the committee, which he headed, was absolute equality between Arabs and Jews.

The Housing Ministry is this year doubling its investment in the Arab sector, said Kuberaky. His committee suggested housing projects in the immediate future in seven Arab communities with available land.

Kuberaky denied claims by Arab local authorities that illegal building was a result of an absence of approved plans and a resultant shortage of land approved for building.

Legal outline plans had been drawn up for 41 of the 43 Arab settlements with municipal status, he said. Of these eight have been approved and the remainder are in the process of being approved. Although it was the responsibility of the local authorities to prepare outline plans, said Kuberaky, the Arab communities had failed to do so and the Government had taken upon itself to do so.

The approval process was inordinately delayed, he said, because of the extraordinary number of objections raised by Arab residents, each of which must be heard. The objections were raised, said Kuberaky, because the Arab community was not sufficiently conscious of planning needs. The inter-ministerial committee recommends an information campaign in the Arab sector

on principles of planning, including limits in Arabic public meetings, programmes on radio and television and inclusion of the subject in civics lessons.

Meanwhile, the committee recommends the appointment of special investigators to assist the District Planning Commission in the hearing of objections and thus speed up the process. The committee also recommends the outlay of some IL6m. to update existing plans and to draw up detailed building plans for the Arab communities.

The committee, which dealt extensively with the problem of illegal building, found that 5,000 building violations had been committed during the course of the past 20 years in Arab settlements in the Galilee. Since 1971, however, the Northern District Planning Commission has notified the owners of 4,000 of these buildings that they can apply for a building licence retroactively since the permitted building area has been extended. (Only 1,000 have bothered to apply for the licence, said Kuberaky.) In addition, 750 buildings can be legitimised, said Kuberaky, if the ownership of the land on which they were built can be resolved.

"There are only 287 buildings with no solution," he said. "Even some of these could continue to exist for a number of years as non-conforming uses."

Kuberaky noted that the amount of land zoned for building had expanded since 1971 from 90 per cent in some Arab villages to 300-400 per cent in most. This expansion had been initiated by the Northern District Planning Commission under the chairmanship of District Commissioner Yisrael Koenig, whose internal memorandum written early this year was leaked last week by Mapam sources. Kuberaky noted that it was Koenig who initiated the appointment of the first Arab to the District Planning Commission several years ago.

Allon predicts renewed U.S. diplomacy in Middle East 'War not in the offing'

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon yesterday predicted renewed peacemaking efforts in the Middle East in the early part of next year. Which-ever party won the White House, he expected Washington to actively resume its middleman diplomacy in the region once the presidential election and inauguration were completed.

Israel's own elections, scheduled for the end of 1977, need not interfere with the diplomatic process, at least during the early months of the year, Allon said. Israel's leaders need be preoccupied with their own elections only in the months immediately preceding a polling day. And the inevitable hiatus there would not be crucial, because in any case he did not expect any far-reaching solutions to be attained in a matter of months. What he hoped for was a "good start" in the quest for long-term solutions.

Within the Arab world, Allon said, there was deep disappointment with the PLO, following the organization's discomfiture in Lebanon. This might perhaps give rise to a "new thinking" on a solution to the Palestinian problem, he hoped.

He felt that a new war was not in the immediate offing. While he was "certainly not one to make light" of Egyptian infringements of the Sinai Agreement, he did not believe these infringements directly enhanced Egypt's combat power. Egypt would probably not embark on a new war before "giving the diplomats another chance," he said.

Allon admitted to a questioner that Israel had accepted Syria's insistence on no press or television coverage of the Druse family meetings at the Golan peak, scheduled to begin this week. The Syrians, said Allon, probably realized that coverage of such stories enhanced Israel's image as was the case on the "good fence" with Lebanon. But in the long run, the Minister

continued, Israel would gain in world prestige and sympathy by its acquiescence to the "undignified" Syrian demand. Israel had thereby shown its sincere concern for the humanitarian considerations in the proposed border meetings.

Questioned about the controversial "Koenig memorandum" on Israel's Arabs, Allon left no doubts as to his disgust at the tenor of the document.

(Yisrael Koenig, the Interior Ministry's district representative in the North, recommended in a memo to District Commissioner Yisrael Koenig that the Government discriminate against Israel's Arab population in areas such as education and municipal aid in order to curb their growing strength.)

Allon termed the "Koenig memo" a "most miserable document." He regretted that it had even been written, and regretted even more that it had been published. Interior Minister Burg had been quite right to shelve the memo when he received it months ago, in the hope that it would be forgotten forever, he said.

The memo spelt despair of any hope of Jewish-Arab coexistence in Israel in the long term, Allon said. It was a very far cry from the Government's actual policy towards the Arab minority. He wondered, in fact, how Koenig would now feel as he came into contact with an Arab in the course of his work.

Allon sidestepped a question on his own political aspirations. It was much too early yet, he said, to embark on the "personal politicking" which must precede the election. At this stage, the Labour Party must concentrate on strengthening its organization throughout the country prior to its national convention.

But he did not desert from one sharp implied swipe at Defence Minister Shimon Peres, flanking "ministers in the Rabin Government" who intimate already that they will run against Rabin for the leadership and thereby "undermine" him.

Hias aided 5,300 Soviet Jews reach U.S. in '75

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Hias, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, helped nearly 5,500 Jews enter the U.S. during 1975. All but 200 of them were Soviet Jews who used Israeli visas to reach Vienna, where they "dropped out," preferring to go to the U.S. instead of Israel.

These figures were reported to The Jerusalem Post yesterday. Were it not for Hias, the majority of the Soviet Jews could not have immigrated to the U.S. Hias applied for refugee visas to America for them, without which they would have had to continue to Israel. Although any immigrant is free to leave Israel after his arrival here he can no longer be considered a refugee by U.S. authorities, since he would then be coming from a free country. Hias provides the dropouts with a short-cut, allowing them to misuse the Israeli visa which permitted them to get out of Russia.

Talks are now in progress aimed at reaching a consensus whereby all Jewish organizations, including Hias, would no longer regard any one who leaves the Soviet Union with an Israeli visa as a refugee. In recent months, the drop-out rate in Vienna has ranged between 40 to 60 per cent and it is believed that it may endanger the whole aliyah movement. The Soviets can point to the high number of dropouts as proof that the claims by aliyah applicants that they are seeking to be reunited with relatives in Israel and trying to express their own national identity are fraudulent.

During 1974, the society brought only 3,500 Soviet Jews to the U.S. Now the society claims that it is processing the applications of 8,000 more Jews from the Soviet Union. Only a small number of the Jews brought to the U.S. last year were not from the Soviet Union.



Minister of Police Shlomo Harel holds his head while receiving a delegation of policemen's wives, who demonstrated in front of Bet Agra in Jerusalem yesterday on behalf of their husbands. They want police salaries to be raised. (Rahamim Israeli)

'Drivers being taken for a ride' MKs slam insurance companies for steep new rates

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Knesset Members from different sides of the House are up in arms about the new no-fault car insurance rates.

One Likud MK and another from the Alignment, both well-versed in economic and financial matters, charge that the insurance companies intend to take Israel's car-owners for a ride, and rake in unjustified profits from the new scheme, which comes into force on Rosh Hashana.

Gideon Palti (Likud) and Micha Harish (Alignment) demand that the Knesset take urgent action, though it is in summer recess just now, to prevent the car-owning public from being milked by the insurance companies.

Palti demanded that the Knesset Finance Committee, meeting today to hear the Treasury's Insurance Commissioner Ya'acov Pickler, appoint a special sub-committee to probe the inflated insurance rates, and meanwhile freeze the implementation of the new law.

Palti told The Jerusalem Post: "Pickler has misled us, and has supplied us with selective information. As a result, the Finance Committee did not study the new insurance scheme in proper depth. We trusted Pickler too much. But it is still not too late to halt the landslide."

the no-fault principle. In fact, drivers are now getting bills which show an increase of between 80 and 120 per cent. My own bill has gone up 90 per cent."

Under the no-fault principle, road accident victims will be paid compensation, whether they are responsible for the accident or not, and irrespective of their degree of responsibility. They will get paid, moreover, without the need for a court case.

Palti told The Post: "I shall demand that the Finance Committee set up a special sub-committee to study the new rates, and lower them to a more reasonable level."

Labour MK Micha Harish yesterday urged special legislation, if need be to fix reasonable insurance rates. He wrote Alignment Chief Whip Moshe Wercman, demanding that the faction's executive and its members in the Finance and Economic Committee, meet at once to discuss the new rates. Harish wrote that the insurance companies were about to rake in huge profits, by increasing rates on the average 100 per cent.

Yehuda Ben-Meir (National Religious Party) told The Post last night that he would attend the Finance Committee today, as a stand-in for Avraham Melamed, who is abroad. Ben-Meir said he would mobilise signatures from his own faction, the Likud, and other parts of the House, for a special Knesset

session during the recess, to amend the law on no-fault insurance, or at least freeze the rates at the old level.

Ben-Meir said he was furious because his insurance bill had gone up 600 (six hundred) per cent. He said he had hitherto enjoyed a no-claims bonus of some 40 per cent, and this would be abolished under the new arrangement.

Many drivers who hitherto never bothered to claim damages for fear of losing their no-claims bonus, would now claim automatically, Ben-Meir warned. This would make drivers less careful and cost the insurance companies much more than now, he predicted.

Ben-Meir, who was on the Finance Committee for many years, said he switched over to the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee six months ago, noting that some insurance companies were not at all satisfied with the new arrangements made by Pickler, the Insurance Commissioner. "It seems to me that Pickler and some of the companies have fixed things up quietly between them, behind the backs of the Knesset, but we shall not let this go through," Ben-Meir said.

Outside the Knesset yesterday, some 100 taxi-owners gathered for a licensed demonstration about the increasing burdens placed upon them by the policies of the Treasury, including the higher insurance rates.

Rabin: our main achievement is farming

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

MIKVE YISRAEL. — The Prime Minister and the Minister of Agriculture yesterday tried to outdo each other in their praise of the Israeli farmer, as they opened the tri-annual AgriTech exhibition of the latest farming machinery on the grounds of the country's oldest agricultural school.

Rabin told the hundreds of visitors, among them ambassadors, experts from abroad, Arabs and local farmers that "the whole nation owes a vote of thanks to Israel's agricultural community. It's achievements are exemplary and it contributed special values to the rejuvenation of the nation. There are only two spheres in which the State can boast truly extraordinary achievements — agriculture and the army. In both we have highly motivated people, who are willing to put public interest above their own private benefit."

The Minister of Agriculture, Avraham Uzan, did not spare any words of praise either, and said that in some fields of farm expertise "Israel has reached the most prominent position in the world. When it comes to irrigation, for example, some of the most advanced coun-

tries learn from us and send their experts here for instruction."

Some of the machinery demonstrated in action at the end of the opening ceremony was planned and manufactured in Israel. "Five of the machines are Israeli innovations on public display for the first time," the Prime Minister said.

The Prime Minister and his party were sprayed by a fine mist of water laced with perfume from one of the new machines — a sprayer which usually sprays pesticides, developed at Degania Bet. The machine is unique in that it leaves 50 per cent less poisonous material in the air than comparable equipment.

Police think 2 involved in Eilat killing

By HAIM SHAHAM
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEVA. — Neguv area police headquarters yesterday came up with a reconstruction of the murder of a woman believed to be 32-year-old Levana Goldstein of Eilat.

The charred remains of her body were found in a burnt Cortina, the Goldstein family car, off the Sdom-Eilat highway early Friday morning by an army patrol. The victim's husband, Asher, a 40-year-old contractor, was remained in custody for 14 days on Sunday, on suspicion of killing his wife.

Police now believe that at least two persons were directly involved in the murder. It was further maintained that the murderers planned to make the death appear the result of a traffic accident.

The victim's body had been seated at the wheel, according to police, after having been brought in a lifeless or unconscious state from the woman's Eilat home. The woman was then wrapped in petrol-soaked blankets and set ablaze.

The Abu Kabir Institute for Forensic Medicine has been unable as yet to verify that the murdered woman is in fact Levana Goldstein, owing to the body's disfigurement by burns.

Father ordered to return son

By HAIM SHAHAM
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A father who abducted his child from his divorced wife in Germany was yesterday ordered by the High Court of Justice to return the boy to his mother.

David Dife converted to Judaism in Germany in 1965. In 1969 he married a non-Jewish and had a child. The marriage did not work out and after a long separation he was divorced from his wife Karin in 1974.

In the meanwhile Dife had emigrated to Israel and came to Germany only for periodic visits to his son.

In April this year he received permission from his wife, who had custody of the child, to take the boy for a week's holiday in Switzerland. Dife got on a plane and brought the child with him to Israel. After the boy did not come back from his week's holiday Karin Dife went to court in Germany and obtained an injunction ordering Dife to return the child to his mother's care. The injunction was ineffective as Dife could not be traced. So the woman came here and appealed to the High Court of Justice, which upheld the decision of the German court saying that the father has not the slightest right to keep the boy.

Underworld sapper questioned

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — Police yesterday took in a "professions" sapper for questioning in connection with the spectacular safe deposit robbery in Ramat Gan last January.

A police spokesman told The Jerusalem Post they got on the tracks of the new suspect in Israel's largest ever robbery by checking all the persons who the alleged "mastermind" Yoacel Epstein could have contacted while he was serving a four-year prison sentence for fraud he committed while he was manager of the now defunct Feuchtwanger Bank.

The new suspect, whose name will be released when he is brought before a magistrate tomorrow, served a prison sentence for drug trafficking at the same time as Epstein.

Remarkably on the new suspect's alleged expertise in explosives, the police spokesman said: "The person who blasted his way into the building was a top sapper," as only an expert could have muffled the sound of the explosion.

Another two suspects in the Ramat Gan case were brought to the Magistrate's Court here for an eight-day extension of their remand order. A police representative told the court that one of the Weintraub brothers who was arrested for an alleged part in the robbery refused to undergo an examination with a lie-detector and to appear before an identification parade. The brother's attorneys pressed for their release saying that the original grounds for the arrest — a radio transmitter allegedly used by the thieves — has been proved to have no connection with the case.

Woman stabbed while asleep

HAIFA.

A 65-year-old woman was stabbed while asleep in her flat here on Sunday night. After treatment at the Rambam Hospital, she returned home yesterday morning.

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The victim had stab wounds on her arms and neck, and bruises on her face. She also reported that money was stolen from her purse. Several similar break-ins have occurred recently in her area, the woman said.

Suspected arsonist remanded

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEVA. — A man suspected of setting fire to three sheds in his neighbourhood here was remanded for 15 days at the Magistrate's Court yesterday.

The police representative told the court that Amram Malouli is suspected of three cases of arson and of terrorising neighbours near his parents' home. He added that the suspect was found close to the scene of the three fires and has threatened the neighbours on numerous occasions.

Residents of the shanty quarter in which Malouli lives said that he stole from homes while the owners allegedly set fire to the sheds to cover his tracks.

Man on bike

Jerusalem Post Staff

An IDF patrol shot and wounded an unidentified man at the central sector's border fence last night. The IDF spokesman said today.

The man had refused to halt and identify himself. He was shot in the chest and in the arm. He was taken to a hospital, where he was wounded. The spokesman said no identification was taken.

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New Harike pro intimi Lebar at fe

By YORAM HA
Jerusalem Post

METULLA. — Poles in southern Lebanon, mounting a renewed attack against Lebanese "fence" here and at the past few days, reporters have photographers entering the treatment, and then with publications.

Yesterday, three long cameras and came to a checkpoint claiming they represent Libyan paper "El Tig" to photograph were chased away from the village of warned not to return.

A Lebanese merchant that the Christian village entrance to represent Lebanese newspapers. "They fancy cars, taking pictures of people but also of soldiers," other development, between Lebanese and chants was halted yesterday few days, as the error decided to return in an effort to assure the needy people.

It is known that is booming in southern village councils are some merchants are selling Israeli goods even to the terrorists.

A meeting of Israeli and Lebanese village councils was scheduled today. In Lebanon, village business will probably be the local village council only in small amount.

The last shipment of salt was delivered by merchant yesterday. It was sold by an IDF business would be the next few days.

Lebanese are also accused shortage of supplies. A physician from Na'at Lebanon sent an urgent Israeli colleague at a number of drugs.

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Company states 'weeks' still needed to evaluate Ashdod oil strike properly

By ZEEV SCHUL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TV. — An official statement by Haneh (Israel) Specting and Financing said that it would take a complete and accurate evaluation of Ashdod Three and announcements made by sources should be regarded as undated and liable to misinterpretation.

Less, informed sources here the company will know by the end of the week whether or not it is well on its hands.

stem test, which should be preceded by pictures of tured dolomite strata at the source of the oil obtained last weekend, is to be removed before test-continue.

Current confusion is believed to be level from which the oil obtained. It was substan-



Drilling at the Ashdod Three site has reached the crucial stage of determining the economic feasibility of the oil find. Workers at the site are pictured raising the drill bit out of the bore hole. (S.B.S.)

Kupat Holim insists on home grown director

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TV. — The leadership of Kupat Holim is insisting on a home grown director to head the organization, which is the largest of the Hahinukh Group.

It was Grajek who four years ago led the month-long strike in Kupat Holim against the appointment of Asher Yadin as director-general, on the grounds that only a doctor well versed in administration should head an organization whose main task was caring for the sick. Grajek lost the fight, but it is known that he is ready to lead another one to make sure that a doctor familiar with the problems of Kupat Holim and well versed in administration (i.e. Doron) heads the organization. Grajek has been, for this reason, prominently mentioned as Doron's deputy.

Call for postponement of first VAT reports

AARON SETTER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

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not yet received their forms by mail. According to law, those who fail to get them this way must apply to their nearest Value Added Tax Guidance Office. But, as you know, the workers at these offices are serving under a court-issued back-to-work order, following their declaration of a work dispute, and concomitant work sanctions. Things are moving very slowly at these offices.

"Rather than have thousands of businessmen become lawbreakers, through no fault of their own, I appeal to Minister Rabinowitz to extend the tax reporting deadline for two weeks," Floimin concluded.

The State Revenue Administration was unavailable for comment last night.

Grocers want a rethink

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Grocers, who have been pressing for a rethink of the profit margin of the grocery business, are expected to meet with the Minister of Finance, Moshe Shalev, to discuss their demands.

At the subject of a Jerusalem yesterday, the General Merchants Association of the Ministry of Finance, who have been pressing for a rethink of the profit margin of the grocery business, are expected to meet with the Minister of Finance, Moshe Shalev, to discuss their demands.

The committee will deal not merely with the grocers' profit margin, but with the more basic aspect of this branch of business as a source of profitable income. The committee members are to receive their letters of appointment within a few days, and will begin their work this week.

Perik informed The Jerusalem Post last night that the possibility of a one-day strike by the grocers will be brought up for discussion by the merchants association in the coming few days.

Shafir was 'misquoted' on accord

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

Army officials claimed last night that criticism of the interim agreement with Egypt by the OC Southern Command, Aluf Herzl Shafir, was taken out of context. The general, they said, supported the agreement in full.

Shafir reportedly told an audience of Soldiers' Welfare Association volunteers on Sunday night that Egypt had committed "serious" violations of the agreement. The violations cited by the general, the officials said, were the same mentioned by Prime Minister Rabin, Defense Minister Peres and others — all of which have since been corrected after Israel complained to the UN.

In an interview over the Army Radio late last night, Shafir said that the violations of the accord do not alter the fact that in the last analysis, the Egyptians were indeed abiding by the interim agreement.

Ford and Carter praise Israel Bonds

LOS ANGELES. — Both President Gerald Ford and his challenger, Democratic presidential nominee Jimmy Carter, sent messages of support to the closing session of the Israel Bonds international fall conference here yesterday.

Ford's telegram praised American Jewry's response to Israel's economic needs through Israel Bonds and reaffirmed his commitment to the security of the Jewish State. Carter's message said his support for Israel is "firm and unyielding" and called investment in Israel "an investment in peace."

The messages were read by Maurice Weiss, Israel Bonds chairman for Los Angeles.

The ageing microscopes

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — The country's universities are having trouble raising money to replace the electron microscopes in their possession, according to Yitzhak Ohad of the Hebrew University, and secretary of the organizing committee of the sixth European Congress on Electron Microscopy.

He said yesterday at a press conference that the congress, which opens tomorrow at Jerusalem's Shapir Ha'oma, is expected to attract 450 scientists from abroad and from 150 to 200 Israeli scientists.

Prof. David Brandon of the Technion noted that to keep Israel at its present international level in this field, the country must buy at least seven new electron microscopes each year to replace those which outgrow their usefulness. At present, there are 65 in 35 laboratories in the country.

Each new one costs between \$100,000 and \$150,000. Six of the latest models will be displayed at the congress.

PHYSICAL FITNESS tests will be applied in all schools in the country this year. The Ministry of Education announced that the drive for more intensive sports activities in primary schools will be continued this year with an extra hour of sports for all the eighth-graders in the country.

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Raphael favours Jewish settlement in Hebron

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Religious Minister Yitzhak Raphael said yesterday that Jews should be allowed to live in Hebron and not just in neighbouring Kiryat Arba.

On a tour of the town, Raphael said that all property in Hebron whose Jewish ownership can be proved should be returned to its owners. He also urged that Jews be helped to live in all parts of Jerusalem's Old City, and not just the Jewish Quarter.

Raphael faction isolated at NRP committee meeting

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Yitzhak Raphael's influence in the National Religious Party is believed to have declined, although not to the point that he will have to give up his seat in the Cabinet as Religious Affairs Minister.

Raphael's groups were usually isolated in last week's meeting of the party's Central Committee. Raphael had an agreement to co-operate with Interior Minister Yosef Burg's faction. However, Eliyahu Chien Zion, a leader of Burg's (Lamifneh) faction, claimed Raphael had misused his power as minister to install his own backers in religious councils, even in localities where Lamifneh had a majority.

The isolation of Raphael's faction was manifested in a series of votes on amendments to the party's "election constitution" and in the meeting's general mood.

But Raphael supporters claimed events resulted from an ad hoc coalition. "You can't isolate a faction," David Glass, the Director-General of the Ministry for Religious Affairs, said.

Chien Zion added that developments fell short of "a bloc or an alignment between Lamifneh and the party's youth group." He also did not expect them to get together before party elections. Some sources in the youth group said that if Raphael's isolation continued, he may lose his seat in a future cabinet.

Meanwhile, negotiations are underway to call off party elections. The Central Committee postponed setting an election date and appointing an elections committee.

Faction leaders publicly say they want elections. Raphael's supporters say they will gain from them, while Chien Zion said that if elections aren't held, there will be a damaging internal struggle for seats in the Knesset.

Authorities urged to boost aliya from South America

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Government and Jewish Agency must do much more to encourage aliya from South America, it was said yesterday at a press conference honouring 30 years of immigration from South America to settlements belonging to the Kibbutz movement. Representatives of the movement said that what is needed is not more shikim, but rather more educational and ideological work with youth.

Artye Zhitovsky, of Kibbutz Gaash and one of the first immigrants from Argentina 30 years ago, said that he was concerned we are about the situation of Argentinian Jews, we must not talk to them about impending catastrophe. Like the German Jews of the 1930s, Jews in Argentina believe their situation will improve with changes in local conditions, he pointed out. Zhitovsky said, "We have to offer the young people something positive — ideological answers to their needs — rather than a way of running away when they see no need to escape."

Nathan Peled, former Minister of Absorption and now secretary of

the Mapam-affiliated Kibbutz Artzi, agreed. "When I was a shikim in the U.S. in 1946, I told American Jews that they should come on aliya in order to save themselves. After all, there was anti-Semitism. But the scare sell doesn't work."

Summarizing the 30 years of aliya, Peled said there are about 1,200 South American families on the movement's kibbutzim. The South American aliya is very stable, he added, and though some leave the kibbutz for urban life, yordim (emigration) is very small.

Anti-Semitic remarks in Canadian magazine

TORONTO. — Anti-Semitic references in the latest issue of a Canadian outdoor magazine financed largely by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters has provoked angry protest from some organization members.

Richard Morgan of Campbellford, the Federation's executive director, said he has received several telephone calls from members upset about the racist tone in parts of the August issue of the "Angler and Hunter."

Morgan said one of the objectionable items is a headline on a short article about a fisherman losing his wallet and watching as two carp toss it back and forth. The heading reads, "No Wonder Jews Eat Em." (JTA)

'Mishap' survivors announce new book

By SRAJA SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The details revealed by Meir Amit about "the security mishap" are all included in a book written from the testimony of four survivors, said author Aviezer Golan at a press conference here yesterday.

Robert Dassa and Marcelle Ninio, who together with Victor Levi and Philip Nathanson recounted the events for "Operation Suzannah," as the book is called, were present at the conference. The other two are abroad.

"We could not understand why the Israeli authorities did not insist on obtaining our freedom after the Sinai campaign," Miss Ninio and Mr. Dassa told the press.

They said that Mustafa Amin, Nasser's confidant, whom they met in prison when the former editor of "Al-Khbar al-yom" fell from grace, reported Nasser was sure the Israelis would press for the release of the four. "He could have done so much easier at that time (the Sinai Campaign) rather than later," Amin claimed.

"The day after we returned to Israel we met with Moshe Dayan, then Chief of Staff, who briefed us about the attempts to free us. Dayan said: 'I had almost counted you as lost, you know.' The four were shocked, said Dassa.

When they visited Ben-Gurion at Sede Boqer, he told them, after hearing their tale: "You must know this: you have been sold out. And Lavon lied... you must write a book. Don't let the event be forgotten."

What intrigues them most, the two former members of the sabotage cell said, is "not who gave the order for the operation, but why the man who was supposed to direct it did nothing to assure its smooth working, and to provide escape routes." The members of the group are pretty sure that Avri El-Ad (known here as the "third man"), their commanding officer, turned them over to the Egyptians. "Avri writes in his book that he never met me nor Dr. Marmuk, but this is a lie," Miss Ninio said. Only those members of the network who were known personally to El-Ad were rounded up by the Egyptian police.

When the Israeli press began publishing even hints of "the affair," the prisoners in Cairo were subjected to additional maltreatment, Golan pointed out. "If not for the campaign in Israel, the prisoners could have hoped for an easing of their plight."

"We would very much like a responsible body, perhaps the court, to clarify once and for all who was to blame for our miseries," Ninio and Dassa said.

The two also revealed that some of the group members were regular soldiers of the Israeli army at the time of the incident.



Aviezer Golan, left, author of "Operation Suzannah," and former agents Marcelle Ninio and Robert Dassa at a press conference in Tel Aviv yesterday. (Ippa)

Allon adds his say

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon joined the burgeoning public debate on the mishap issue yesterday with the assertion that it was he who in 1967 prevailed upon the Eshkol Cabinet not to release the 5,000-plus Egyptian POWs without a deal for the release of the four agents.

"I lodged an official appeal with Premier Eshkol," Allon told newsmen at a question-and-answer session in Jerusalem, "against an earlier Cabinet decision to exchange POWs by a certain date, even if no deal could be concluded with the Egyptians for the release of the four."

Allon said he had regarded the four Jewish prisoners as Israeli soldiers and felt it would be wrong to miss this opportunity to secure their release. "I regretted very much that the 1966 opportunity had not been missed," he noted. (He was not a minister in 1966.)

Allon said he had met with parents of the Israeli POWs in Egypt and was able to persuade some of them to relent from their pressure on the government to exchange POWs at once.

As a result of his appeal, said Allon, the Cabinet revised its original decision and resolved to extend the deadline. In the ensuing period a deal was concluded with the Egyptians.

Allon noted that Amit, then head of the Mossad, had been "very active" in the same cause. He refused to discuss Dayan's stance. Amit has publicly indicated that Dayan would have agreed to an exchange of POWs without obtaining the release of the four.

THE DOCUMENTARY FILM "Three Days — Three Years," produced by the army has been awarded first prize in this year's nationwide film-short contest. The documentary depicts the initial days of an army recruit.

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11 die in Argentine bomb blast

BUENOS AIRES. — Explosives packed in a car exploded near a police bus on Sunday killing nine policemen and a civilian couple on a day that saw the assassinations of a police officer and two moderate leftist politicians.

The bomb attack in Rosario, 310 km northeast of Buenos Aires, killed nine of 24 policemen returning on a bus from routine guard duty at a soccer match, the army said.

A 56-year-old photographer and his wife who were in a car behind the bus were hit by the blast and killed and their 15-year-old daughter was injured, the army communiqué said.

The explosives were planted in a parked car and apparently detonated by remote control as the police bus passed. Noticias Argentinas, a private news agency, said the force of the blast blew windows and scattered metal fragments over a 10-block area.

In La Plata, army sources yesterday reported the discovery of the bodies of two lawyers who were kidnapped on Friday. Both lawyers were active in the moderate left-wing of the radical civic union.

A chief inspector of the federal police in Bahia Blanca, 650 km southwest of the capital was shot dead as he stepped out of his Buenos Aires home on Sunday.

Sunday's killings raised the death toll in Argentina's political violence this year to 883.

Argentina's military rulers yesterday banned eight publications alleged to be anti-Semitic. The anti-Semitic publications were among 18 brochures of "Fundamental texts of National Socialism" issued over the past 15 months by a right-wing publishing house.

They included such titles as "The SS in action," "The Jews," "The European SS," "Christ is not Jewish," and "The Auschwitz lie." (UPI)

Dassault funds 'went to Beirut Phalangists'

JERUSALEM POST CORRESPONDENT
PARIS. — A man claiming to be a former mercenary who fought for the Lebanese Phalangists said on French TV yesterday that \$1.6m. embezzled from aircraft maker Marcel Dassault had gone to buy arms for Lebanon's civil war.

The allegation was made by a phone caller purporting to be Jean Kay, 35-year-old former aircraft hijacker, who is the subject of an international arrest warrant.

Kay is wanted as an accomplice of Dassault's chief accountant Hervé de Vathaire, who says he drew the money from Dassault's account in order to buy back from Kay compromising documents belonging to his boss.

In his call to the TV station, the man did not say which side in Lebanon had benefited from the Dassault funds.

Kay saw service in Africa as well as with the Phalangists. He was given a suspended jail sentence for trying to hijack a Pakistani airliner and fly it to Bangladesh with medical supplies during the war which separated the two countries.

Study rates Tomcat inferior to Yak

WASHINGTON. — Secret studies of simulated aerial dogfights showed the Navy's F-14A Tomcat could be shot down by the Soviet Yak fighter, Rep. Les Aspin said on Sunday.

Aspin said that previously classified data showing the F-14A Tomcat — the most expensive fighter aircraft in the world — lost numerous simulated air battles with a fighter having the same characteristics as the Soviet Yak. (UPI)

China raps 'Soviet quack medicine'

HONGKONG. — In China's first direct attack on the Soviet Union since the death of Communist Party chairman Mao Tse-tung, Russia's policies toward Third World countries were described as "very poisonous."

"The aim is to put the Third World countries completely into the orbit of social imperialism in the economic field," the official New China News Agency said in a commentary on Sunday.

Entitled, "Soviet quack medicine, go to hell," the commentary said the Soviet Union was pretending to be helpful to developing nations and has "prescribed" an allegedly all-curing medicine for their economic advancement. It also was critical of past American policy towards China.

"Beware," the commentary said, "there is nothing but poison in this medicine. He who takes it will get drugged."

Meanwhile, as mourning in the

Chinese capital entered its third day, foreigners, including envoys from over 100 countries, joined the people filling past Mao's glass-topped bier.

In Moscow, Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko led a four-member Soviet delegation to the Chinese embassy yesterday to sign the book of condolences on the death of Chairman Mao.

Gromyko was accompanied by fellow politburo member Eyrill Mazurov — who also is first deputy Prime Minister — as well as deputy Foreign Minister Leonid Ilyichev and deputy Prime Minister Ivan Arkhipov. (UPI, Reuters)

Credit for the story on the Chinese army's role in the post-Mao era, appearing on Page 4 of yesterday's edition, was omitted inadvertently. It was the weekly "World Scene" column by Sassoon Jacoby.

Egyptians may buy French nuclear power reactors

By JACK MAURICE
JERUSALEM POST CORRESPONDENT
PARIS. — French nuclear experts will visit Egypt in October for talks on the delivery of nuclear reactors to the Egyptian Nuclear Energy Organization, officials said here yesterday.

The officials confirmed a report on the impending visit issued by Kamal Effat, director of the Egyptian nuclear body. Effat is leaving for Brazil this week to take part in the annual meeting of the international nuclear energy agency.

A group of American experts visited Egypt last February to study the possibility of building a nuclear power station with an output of between 600 and 800 megawatts west of Alexandria.

The U.S. has promised nuclear reactors to both Israel and Egypt. But U.S. policy appears to be changing.

ing, observers say U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's recent criticism of France's sale of a nuclear waste processing plant to Pakistan may indicate a change in policy.

The Egyptians announced before the Yom Kippur War that they planned to buy a French nuclear reactor similar to the powerful generator operating at Marcoule near Avignon. But the French called off the deal because they were afraid the Egyptians would use the equipment for military purposes.

Egypt now appears to be interested only in light water reactors for generating electricity. French experts still are worried about the exposure of Egypt's future nuclear plants to Israeli bombing. However, there is no fear of a conventional bomb causing a nuclear explosion.

'Carlos in Belgrade, planning new attack'

JERUSALEM POST CORRESPONDENT
LONDON. — British security services have been warned that international terrorist Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, known as Carlos or the Jackal, may be planning to launch another attack in a West European capital.

The British press yesterday reported that Carlos and a German accomplice, Hans Joachim Klein, have been deported by Algerian authorities to Belgrade. But the Yugoslav authorities yesterday

denied the presence of the terrorists, saying two arrivals from Algiers were an Algerian television engineer and a professor.

The "Daily Express" claimed that Ramirez and Klein are travelling together with four Palestinian terrorists and another German. The "Express" said the terrorists are being allowed to move about freely in Yugoslavia while planning a new operation which would be the "Palestinians' answer to the disastrous failure at Entebbe airport."

Gunmen 'break the bank' at Deauville casino

DEAUVILLE, France. — Four masked gunmen broke the bank at the sumptuous Deauville casino early yesterday and got away with more than 3 million francs (US\$5m.).

Jacques Gilbert, manager of the seaside casino, said the receipts for the entire weekend were stolen.

Police said they had no clues except that the gunmen spoke like "pieds noirs" (black feet) — the nickname for European former residents of Algeria.

Police said the gunmen broke a window and entered the main gaming room of the casino a few minutes after 3 a.m. closing time. Seven customers and 30 employees were in the casino.

The gunmen bound and gagged some of their victims but not everyone they hadn't brought enough cash and adhesive tape. Then they helped themselves to all the money in sight and in the safe.

Everyone was herded into the switchboard room and told not to leave for 15 minutes. The bandits escaped via the seaside terrace.

Police said the bandits thoroughly knew the layout of the place. When the night watchman, who wears the same uniform as the croupiers, rushed in to see what was going on, one gunman stuck a pistol in his stomach and said, "Ah, here's the night watchman. Ok, you, relax." (UPI)

IN BRIEF EEC want action against terror

BEST/STWAAAG. The Netherlands — The European Common Market will press for a worldwide convention to combat terrorists who take hostages when the UN General Assembly convenes later this month.

This was the major concrete decision to emerge from an informal meeting of Common Market foreign ministers at this remote village in northern Holland last weekend.

Following a week that saw three aircraft hijackings, the ministers decided unanimously to support the resolution proposed by West Germany that would oblige any state to extradite or prosecute anyone who takes hostages. (UPI)

Connors wins tennis crown

NEW YORK. — Jimmy Connors on Sunday night beat Sweden's Bjorn Borg after a titanic struggle to take the U.S. Open Tennis Championship and \$30,000 at Forest Hills.

The result was in doubt until the top-seeded American made a vital service break in the fourth set to win the world's richest tournament 6-4, 3-6, 7-6, 6-4 after a bruising three-hour battle.

The hard-hitting Connors, 24, who has won several American tournaments this year, has now beaten the 20-year-old Swede in six of their last seven encounters. (Reuters)

Makarios ready for talks

NICOSIA. — President Makarios of Cyprus said on Sunday his government would agree to a UN proposal for new international talks on the divided island's future, but would accept no talks involving Greece and Turkey.

The archbishop said in a speech to a congregation at Aeliafara village near Larnaca that the government had received advice almost amounting to pressure to include Greece and Turkey in a resumption of talks between Cyprus's Greek and Turkish communities. (Reuters, UPI)

Typhoon kills 100 in Japan

TOKYO. — Typhoon Fran raked southwestern Japan with strong winds and heavy rains yesterday, leaving more than 100 persons dead and more than 250,000 homeless.

Police said at least 103 persons were killed and 40 others were reported missing in landslides and floods spawned by Fran, which caused winds of 155 km per hour when it rolled ashore at Nagasaki. (UPI)

45 Pakistanis die as flats collapse

KARACHI. — At least 45 people, including 21 children, were killed when a modern six-story apartment block collapsed here early yesterday.

Rescue workers digging in the concrete rubble said the final death toll could reach 100. City officials said few of the 250 residents of the building, constructed only a year ago, on poor foundations. They said the owner had been authorized to erect only a two-story building. The owner survived, but six of his family of seven died in the collapse. (Reuters)

KILLED. — Riot police shot and wounded six people in violent demonstrations outside Bilbao, northern Spain, yesterday, hospital sources said. Two people were wounded in the suburb of Sestao and four in Basauri as stone-throwing demonstrators clashed with police.

Terror attacks by Croat nations on upswing, U.S. officials believe

By DAN MORGAN
The Washington Post

POLITICAL activity — and terror attacks — by Croat nationalists may be increasing, U.S. officials believe. This activity often carries a strong anti-Communist favour.

The Croatian terrorists who hijacked a U.S. airliner Friday night are the modern heirs of one of this century's oldest and most persistent separatist movements.

Founded in 1929 by fanatical exiles calling themselves the Usta-shi, the movement has left the historical record dotted with deeds of violence, from bombings to assassination, all dedicated to the cause of an independent homeland in Northern Yugoslavia.

But for all the headlines which these exploits have made, separatism is not a cause that appeals to all Croats, either to the 4.5 million now living in Yugoslavia or to the several million residing abroad.

President Josip Broz Tito, the head of the modern Yugoslav federal state, is a Croat. And many Croatian political and cultural leaders, before and after World War II, have supported Croatian membership in Yugoslavia provided their legitimate interests are recognized in the federal capital in Belgrade.

Within modern Yugoslavia, Croatia is the second largest of six member republics with equal rights and a considerable degree of political autonomy. The political capital of the crescent-shaped republic which extends along the Adriatic coast, is Zagreb, equidistant from Hungary and Austria.

Croatia has its own language and its own regional government, and the republic is also represented

in the national parliament and government.

In 1971, Croatia lost some of its autonomy when Tito purged the party leadership in Zagreb for allegedly tolerating a revival of nationalism and anti-Serb sentiment.

That purge was later extended to alleged nationalists in other republics as well.

Belgrade has long viewed the large number of Croats and their descendants, living in Western Europe, Canada, the U.S. and Australia, as a hot-bed of intrigue against Communist Yugoslavia.

But U.S. officials say that while many Croats abroad do have strong national attachments, only a small number are ardent separatists ready to use violence to achieve their goals.

Young Croat organizers are said to collect funds from Yugoslav workers in West Germany to finance their activities, and incidents of murder and terrorism have been increasing.

These developments come as the Yugoslav political system is braced for the inevitable test of its cohesiveness that will occur when Tito, now 84, dies.

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Poll may end Malta's honeymoon with Libya

VALLETTA, Malta. — The people when the lease on their military base expires in 1979. The U.S. 6th Fleet has been banned from Malta since the Socialists took over the government, and the Russians are not even permitted an embassy here.

But Mintoof has called the Libyans "our first and most steadfast friends" and has got other technical and financial help from China, Czechoslovakia, Italy and France.

Economic issues are no less central to the election than foreign policy. The Nationalists have pointed out in their campaign that revenues must be found to replace the \$30m. (about US\$40m.) that Britain and Nato are paying each year in rent.

Mintoof maintains that the slack can be taken up by increases in industry, tourism, drydocks and agriculture.

The Socialists point to the accomplishment of the 1974 five-year term of the government of Mr. Mintoof and his Nationalist Party of the former Bank of Malta, increased housing and joint industrial ventures with other nations.

There has been some violence as the campaign heated up to the final stretch, a number of Nationalist district clubs were damaged, and twice Nationalist speakers were besieged by mobs of opponents.

Mintoof himself is one of the central issues of the campaign. A fiery orator, the 80-year-old former Rhodes scholar leads crowds of his supporters in open mockery of his opponents during political rallies.

He married an Englishwoman who doesn't have papers to vote in the current election. His two daughters were educated in England. He smokes a pipe and rides horses like a typical colonial politician. But his name is anathema to the 2,500 British settlers, mostly retirees, who have chosen Malta as a place to sit in the sun, drink their gin and end their days in peace. (AP)

Mondale: against bo legislation

NEW YORK. — Democratic presidential candidate Mondale on Saturday

pledged the Ford Administration's policy towards Israel, a move on the Arab boycott, and on loan companies trading in Israel.

Meanwhile, Treasury Secretary William E. Simon said that misgivings on his part, advise President Ford of a federal reform tax legislation, sanctions against large cuts.

Speaking to the 79th convention of the Zionist Organization of America at the Americana hotel here, Mondale the Arab boycott as "immoral, outrageous," and "a blot on the American record."

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In an interview on the columnist Victor Riesel's "The Town" radio program, he said he believed the boycott of trade had made "great gains into the boycott in the Arab world."

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'Kuwait coup' Zionist rumormongers

KUWAIT. — Minister of Abdul Aziz Hussain here

Caio newspaper report an attempt there was an attempted coup here wait recently financed by Israel. In a statement on Sunday, he said the report (which was "totally false and fabricated," he said the report was "dubious Zionist and intelligence."

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Capital, reserves and surplus	82,117,000	82,117,000
Subordinated Capital Notes Series "A" convertible into Shares	75,852,000	75,852,000
Subordinated Capital Notes Series "B"	115,100,000	115,100,000
	190,952,000	190,952,000
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Debentures issued by Subsidiaries	474,909,000	353,529,000
Deposits	3,062,543,000	2,234,253,000
Deposits for granting of loans	742,494,000	853,101,000
Other accounts	78,199,000	55,215,000
Liabilities on account of customers	418,984,000	580,167,000
	5,050,198,000	4,349,334,000
Cash in hand and balances with Bank of Israel and banking institutions	1,017,174,000	718,193,000
Securities	374,469,000	295,369,000
Loans to the Government	237,615,000	204,638,000
Loans and notes discounted	2,207,053,000	1,621,317,000
Loans out of deposits for granting loans	690,813,000	835,836,000
Other Accounts	39,429,000	35,990,000
Bank premises, equipment and other property	64,661,000	57,824,000
Liabilities of customers	418,984,000	580,167,000
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THE WORLD COUNCIL OF Churches has turned into a battlefield for religious liberty in the USSR. It started in November-December 1975, during the Fifth Assembly of the WCC in Nairobi, when an appeal from two religious Russian dissidents was brought to the attention of the Council's Secretary-General, Philip Porter. The appellants — Gleb Yakunin, a priest, and Lev Regelson — sharply accused the Soviet authorities of religious persecution.

The WCC leadership, preoccupied as usual with its notorious theology of violence, and with the distribution of funds to various terrorist organizations, was evidently embarrassed by the Russian trouble-makers.

But there were many participants at the Assembly who showed a sincere concern for the fate of victims of religious persecution. Said Dr. A. van den Hoek: "It is impossible to have zones of silence in the area of human rights. The WCC has taught us to speak about South Africa and Chile. I don't see how we can speak specifically about one country and not about another."

Members of the Communist "state churches" delegations immediately insisted that the Assembly not consider these "slandorous" accusations. But under considerable moral pressure from other delegates, the WCC decided to initiate an inquiry and to discuss the preliminary findings at a meeting of its central committee in August.

Meanwhile, senior Soviet officials, including the Deputy Minister of Justice and the Chairman of the Council for Religious Affairs, issued statements in an attempt to minimize the effects of the Nairobi meeting. They claimed that:

- the USSR wages a systematic struggle against violations of religious liberty by local authorities;
- Soviet religious legislation is "the most humane and democratic in the world";
- Church leaders themselves claim that there is full religious freedom in Russia;
- no one is persecuted in the USSR for his religious activities.

On March 6, 1978, Yakunin and Regelson sent another appeal to Philip Porter. Their long letter is surely the most impressive document ever written against religious persecution in the USSR. It is directed not against particular violations of human rights but against the pertinent legislation itself.

The authors claim that the obligatory registration of religious societies in itself constitutes a punitive measure that religious societies are deprived of the right to own houses of worship or religious articles, that religious societies are forbidden to pursue missionary or cultural activities, and that the educational system is discriminatory since organized

ZONES OF SILENCE

"We will beat your religion out of you," a Soviet psychiatrist told an Orthodox Christian sent to him by the KGB. The position of the World Council of Churches on religious persecution in the USSR has been equivocal, leading one speaker at its last assembly to declare: "The WCC has taught us to speak about South Africa and Chile. But there cannot be zones of silence in the area of human rights." MIKHAIL AGURSKY discusses the question of religion in the Soviet Union.



Yevgeny Bresenden, a Pentecostal leader who went to Israel.

forms of private religious education are forbidden by law. Yakunin and Regelson concluded their letter ironically: "We have heard that the International Commission of Jurists has sent a report to the UN Commission on Human Rights concerning the violation of civil rights in Uruguay, specifically the introduction of state censorship on the church press. Because of the interest shown by the International Commission of Jurists in the question of religious discrimination, we hope that the WCC will find it possible to acquaint this highly competent commission with the materials

regarding legislation on religion in our country."

RECENTLY, a group of well-known Western Protestant fighters for religious liberty in the USSR, comprising Fr. Michael Bourdeaux (London), Dr. Hans Hebel (Utrecht), and Fr. Eugen Voss (Zurich), published a dossier — "WCC and USSR, a post-Nairobi documentation" — which the authors presented as the findings of the inquiry decided on at Nairobi.

The dossier contains many letters from the USSR about the cruel persecution of believers. All the letters had been sent to the WCC since 1964, and there had not been an official reaction. They were written by Russian and Georgian Orthodox Christians, Old-Believers, Roman Catholics, Seventh-Day Adventists, Pentecostals, Baptists, and others.

Old-Believers, members of a dissident Orthodox Church that emerged in the 17th century, complain that the KGB has penetrated into the very heart of their leadership, placing an agent as secretary to the Archbishop. A passionate letter from Georgia complains that a group of party officials interrogated many young believers who were arrested after attending a service in Tbilisi. Among the detainees, there were students, schoolchildren, teachers, and workers. Some of them were young Communists.

One of the most intriguing letters is "The emergency report from the publishing house 'The Christian.'" According to this report, when an underground Baptist press was closed by the authorities in Latvia in October 1974, the KGB detained seven

workers and confiscated the printing press and 30,000 copies of the New Testament. According to additional information, the KGB used sophisticated American equipment against the Baptists — the equipment had been sold to the USSR on the understanding that it would be used to fight crime.

The Baptists appeal "To all who value the principles of liberty" to support them "in burning prayers like Mordechai. Like Esther, raise your voice in petitions before the Government of our country."

No less surprising is the plea of Pentecostals from the Soviet Far East that they be allowed to emigrate to Israel. This sect, which has been outlawed in the USSR, consists largely of Russian workers and peasants, and is subjected to the most cruel religious persecution. One estimate puts their total number in Russia at about 200,000.

In 1974, two Pentecostals, Grigori Vashchenko and Yevgeny Bresenden, applied to the Ministry of Internal Affairs for permission for large-scale emigration of Pentecostals from the USSR to Israel or any other country that would have them.

They also asked for permission to write a letter to the UN so that the world body could assist them in coming to an agreement with the government of Israel or of any other country which does not "deny the existence of God and which permits its citizens to live by religious convictions according to the New Testament."

Bresenden was eventually allowed to emigrate from the USSR, possibly because of his German origin. The last known appeal from Pentecostals from Krasnoyarsk province is dated by August 1976.

THE LATEST NEWS from Moscow indicates that last July the KGB detained several participants of a small religious seminar headed by Alexander Ogorodnikov, formerly a student of cinematography, and a "hippy" leader in Moscow before he became an Orthodox Christian. One of the members of the seminar was attacked by three men who beat him about the legs and broke his arm. Another young man, Alexander Argentov, was sent to a psychiatrist who told him: "We will beat your religion out of you."

Several well-known religious dissidents, including Yakunin and Barabanov, have sent an open letter to the West, stating: "We have no doubt that the religious revival in our country can not be halted by repressions of any kind."

And now the WCC remains to be heard from. Is the organization a genuine religious body with religious concerns, or has it been transformed — as some claim — into a pro-Communist, secular body that advocates violence and perpetrates injustice under the cloak of theological jargon?



Members of the Zulu Royal Guard watch over the Zulu Chief Minister, Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

South Africa's black leader

by
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ABOUT A MONTH AGO, when the agitation of the South African black urban population had been raging for about seven weeks, a significant meeting took place. Seven homeland, or Bantustan leaders held a summit. It produced a declaration asking the government to make certain concessions to Africans, which amounted to almost everything but actual participation in the process of government.

The measures would have dismantled the apartheid apparatus, and abolished the pass laws, labour influx controls and job reservation. Blacks would be given effective administrative powers in the townships. Demands were also filed in relation to education. (In 1977-78, the average per capita expenditure on a white child was R 483 (\$583); for a black child was R 25.56, (\$33).

The summit was significant because the Bantustan leaders represent a segment of black leadership which the government will find it difficult to suppress. The process of rounding up and alienating anyone with any charisma or leadership potential goes on steadily. If the Bantustan leaders are inhibited then the whole concept of separate development collapses.

The putative key figure in the rapidly developing confrontation between whites and blacks is Prince Mangosuthu Buthelezi, Chief Minister of Kwa-Zulu, the designated Zulu Bantustan. Buthelezi has won international acclaim for his political consistency and fearless advocacy of African rights far beyond the confines of Kwa-Zulu and his own Zulu nation of 4½ million people.

The 49-year-old chief has a lot going for him. He is of the royal Zulu line which produced the legendary Shaka who, between 1818 and 1828 brought the Zulu nation to greatness and dominated hundreds of thousands of square kilometres of Africa. He is a cousin of the present Zulu king or paramount chief. His upbringing blends tribal traditions with Christianity (which he professes) and a modern Western education.

He came under the influence of Chief Luthuli, the Nobel Peace Prize laureate, and was at Fort Hare University when it boasted distinguished and fearless liberal teachers. He was 21 when the National Party came to power in 1948.

Thus his crucial adult years were passed at a time of continuously intensifying apartheid legislation and administration. All this added a new dimension to Buthelezi's character. He experienced in his own person all the minor and major traumas which apartheid inflicts on the African: detention under the pass laws, expulsion from public amenities, rudeness from petty officials, bureaucratic harassment in public and private activities. As he emerged as a leader of his people he was more rigorously exposed to regulatory malice.

HIS POLITICAL sagacity is profound, and he emerges as a steady

and sometimes pragmatic realist. "My capacity for manoeuvre is quite limited," he once told me. "We have strict guidelines laid down for the homelands. These create conflicts. Strong tensions form with our own extremists. The time may soon come when they will not be withheld from confrontations."

That was two years ago. His unerring political skill was to stay within the laid down *de jure* limits but publicly to exploit to the full any situation where those limits produced a conflict. He saw that a point can sometimes be made by abstention from action. Thus, in January 1976 he and other Bantustan leaders confronted Vorster. A far-reaching list of requests was summarily rejected, and some minor concessions offered. Among them was the proposal that urban Africans could lease their homes for 30 years provided they accepted a status as migrant workers in South Africa.

Buthelezi then read a declaration to Vorster which he also released to the Press. He said that unless the homelands were enlarged and properly consolidated, the only alternative was for Africans to be represented in the central Parliament. Moves to bring about racial debate on the sub-continent had aroused the expectations of South African Africans. Unless there were meaningful changes within the country, the pent-up frustrations of these people would inevitably lead to civil disobedience and the disruption of services.

At the same meeting Vorster had suggested the appointment of a committee of government officials plus three homeland representatives to discuss influx control. All the Bantustan leaders agreed with the exception of Buthelezi. Vorster got the message because he himself reported the matter in these words: "Only one homeland leader, i.e. Chief Buthelezi, said he was not prepared to cooperate in this regard because, as he said, this was a white

man's law and he had to make that law."

Buthelezi had taken a stand in 1972. Plans for the time to outline the various Kwa-Zulu would have a patchwork of tenements or completely disorganised. The most viable places would have been left to the state or control. The improvement over the situation, but Buthelezi refused a territory which looked spots on a leopard's skin.

These instances show why Buthelezi's credibility among the population is higher than any other leader, and why, if he can be a key African to win in future.

If he survives, Communist manoeuvres there must be, but Buthelezi has come out unequivocally, "I know something which is going to happen, and so it is my duty must never allow to hold me back."

Buthelezi is a realist. He knows that at this stage a one-sided move is most viable. He has proved himself a steady and principled leader. He has shown that he is not a mere politician. He has shown that he is a man of principle. He has shown that he is a man of courage. He has shown that he is a man of integrity. He has shown that he is a man of conviction. He has shown that he is a man of faith. He has shown that he is a man of hope. He has shown that he is a man of love. He has shown that he is a man of peace. He has shown that he is a man of justice. He has shown that he is a man of truth. He has shown that he is a man of goodness. He has shown that he is a man of beauty. He has shown that he is a man of wisdom. He has shown that he is a man of power. He has shown that he is a man of glory. He has shown that he is a man of honour. He has shown that he is a man of respect. He has shown that he is a man of dignity. He has shown that he is a man of pride. 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Arab land: fact and fiction

these lands purchased from the Arabs by Jews were bought at outrageously high prices from wealthy Arab landlords living abroad, who valued what they considered as worthless.

But that Israeli Arabs sold from their lands before the statehood, must be exposed for the lie it is," Mr. Shimon Ben-Shimon, general of the Jewish Land Development Authority, recently told JNF in Jerusalem, he added: "The image of Israel is being damaged by the production of 'photomontage', i.e., the country's image at the time of the Jewish state, when Zionist upbuilding began, and it had then already been developed and fertile as it is today."

area of potentially rich land under intensive cultivation today some of the dunes of which are used for farming, and half of them are in the hands of the Jewish National Fund.

SAUL SUPER

Artists' heirs will boycott new museum

Mosby writes of a controversial new art-forge museum which will open in Paris

Paris, September 12. — The new Musée d'Art Moderne, which will open in January, is being boycotted by the heirs of the artists who donated their works to it.

The centre houses the museum, an industrial design centre, Paris's (astonishingly) first public library for contemporary writing, an institute of music research and acoustics, where visitors can play records and tapes, a "cinematheque" theatre showing old films and more theatres inside and on a tree-covered roof for modern music, drama, poetry readings, ballet and other spectacles.

Unlike the French tradition that museums are daytime diversions for non-workers, the new Musée d'Art Moderne will remain open until 10 p.m. — another revolution for Paris.

The heirs of Rouault, Laurens and Braque who have donated nearly 1,000 works to the old Musée d'Art Moderne have announced that they will have nothing to do with the new "fair." Some Rouault and Braque will be shown in the new museum, according to museum curator German Viatte. But the bulk of works remains in the old museum, which will open in 1977 as the early 20th century museum devoted to turn of the century items which have been stored unseen for decades in the over-stuffed Louvre and old Musée d'Art Moderne.

Isabella Rouault, daughter of the artist, explained that the rebel group did not want their family paintings mixed in with op and pop. Claude Laurens, who withdrew the sculptures of father Henri Laurens from the new museum, said that after World War II artists began "using fundamentally different materials" from spark plugs to old shoes to form sculptures.

Curator Viatte conceded that the "reaction to the museum is very different according to the person and his interests. As in all countries, modern art is not very well received in France."

As one taxi driver said driving past the Pompidou Centre, "It looks like an oil refinery."

The 600 million franc (\$130 million) centre spread over 20 dunes, consists of a box of glass and steel tubes with a shiny red stairway zigzagging up one outside wall. Enormous blue tubes for air-conditioning and other systems snake their way across the ceilings.

The centre was scooped out of one of the oldest quarters of Paris between Les Halles, the old market area, and the Place de la Bastille. The sight of steel tubes and glass amidst shutters, iron balconies and slanted roofs is startling.

City environmentalists succeeded in keeping the 18th and 19th century buildings surrounding the centre from being demolished in favour of high-rise modern apartments. Moreover the centre's height was limited to six levels and it does not radically alter the Paris skyline, as do the capital's new skyscrapers.

"The architecture is aggressive, but it's better than a compromise building which would try to be both modern and traditional," is the view of curator Viatte. He stressed that an international jury picked the centre's design by the Italian-English firm of Piano and Rogers from some 30 submitted.

late Lester Horton's characteristic style absorbed ethnic influences.

In New York, Milton Myers teaches at the Alvin Ailey Dance Centre. "It's like a factory," he said smiling. "Four floors, 12 teachers, classes from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m." and dancers waiting for a vacancy to get into Ailey's company. He also teaches in other studios and assists companies at rehearsing.

Though he is so much the modern-dance expert, Milton Myers believes that every modern dancer should take ballet. He himself studied with a Russian teacher, but started too late, he said, to become a classical dancer.

About Israeli dancers he said, "They are hard workers, with variety in their vocabulary — especially the men. I've never seen men work so hard — harder than they need to — as if they were saying 'If I don't do it now it won't get done.' I reminded him there was a reason — their service in the Defence Forces. He agreed. "I am very impressed," he said.

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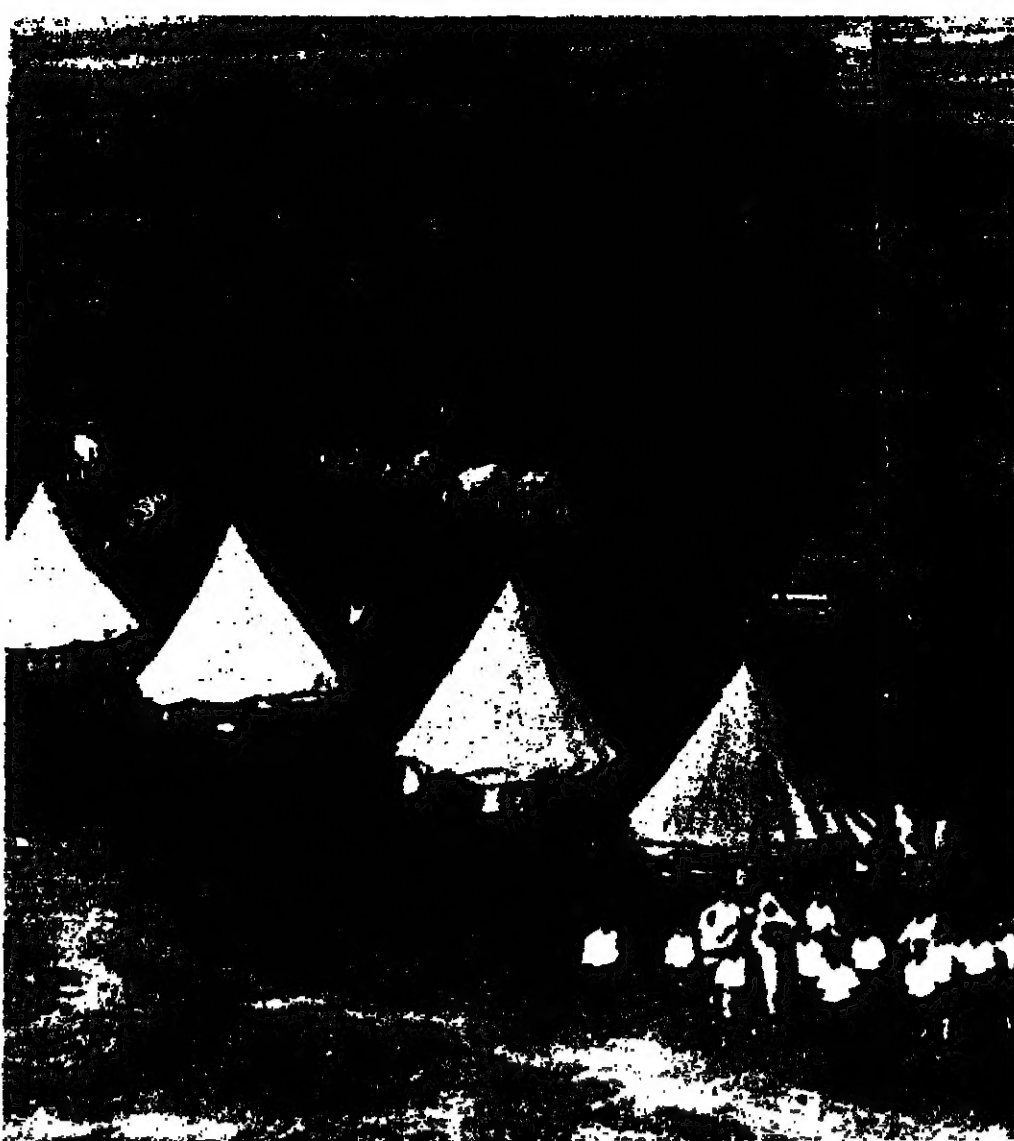
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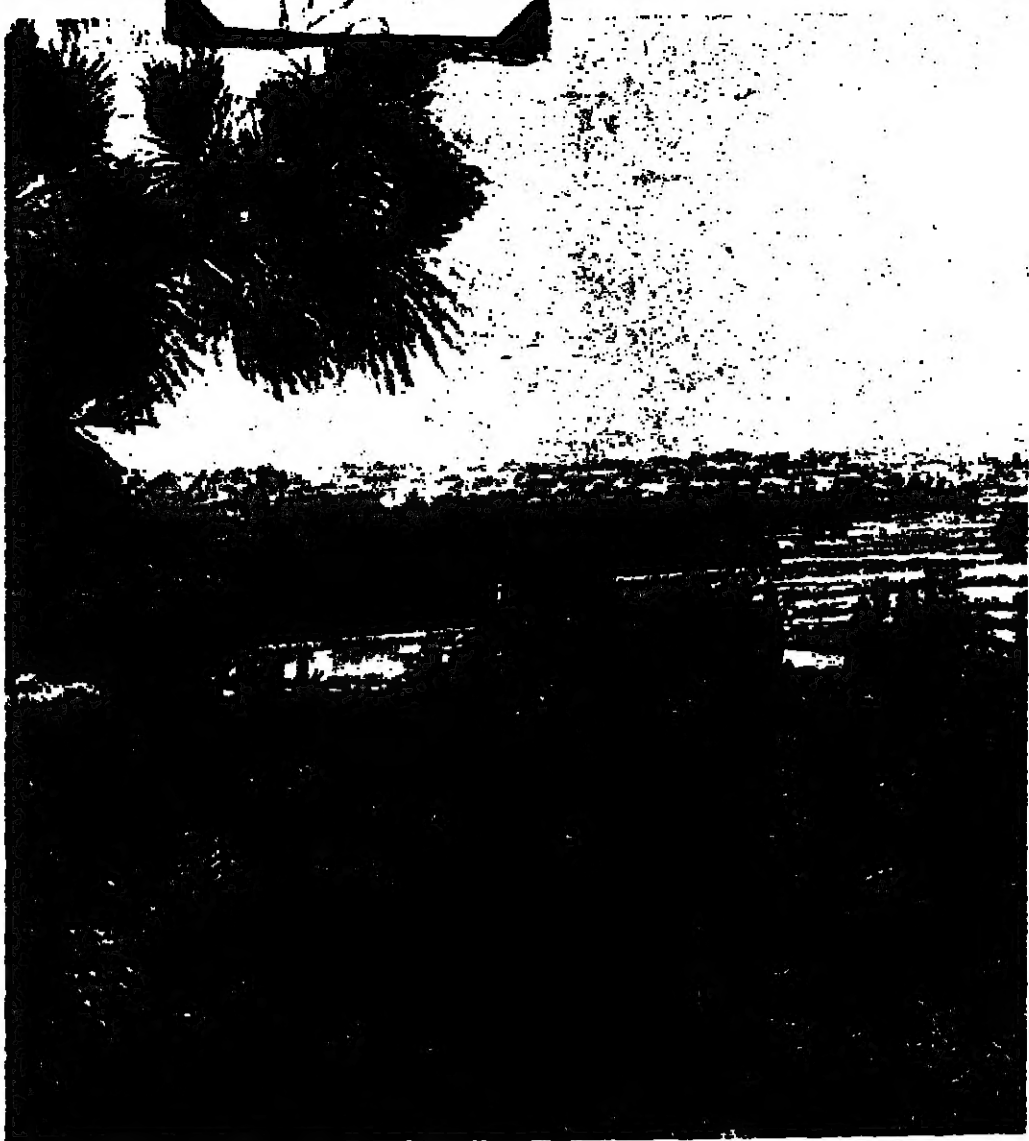
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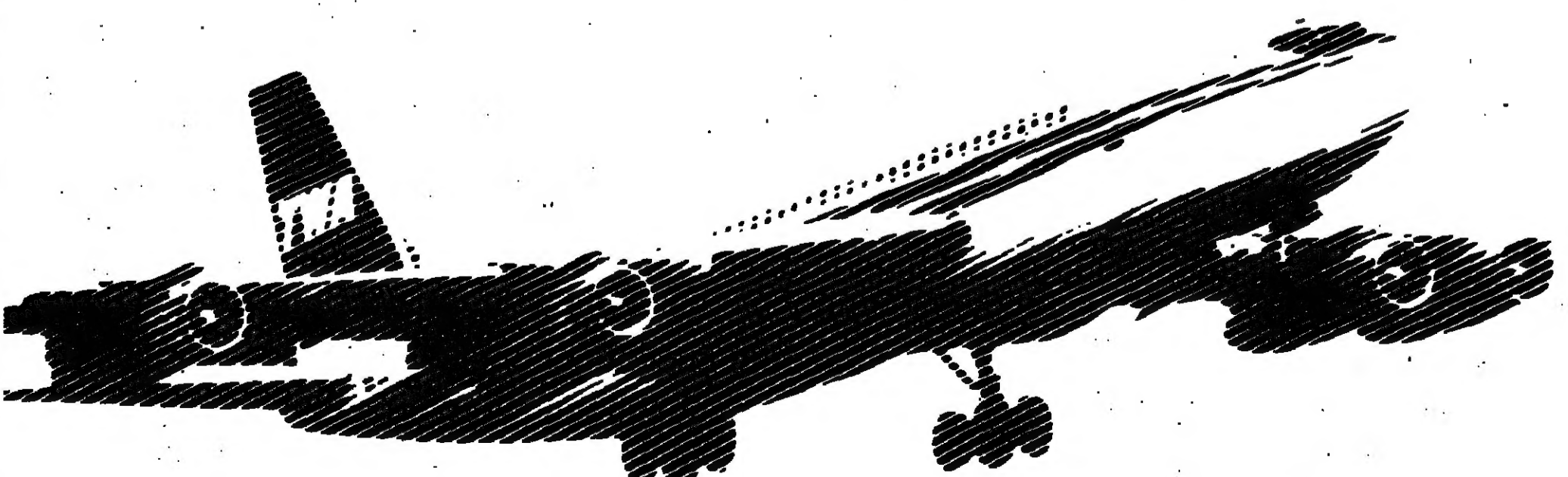
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The day of Na'amat

HAVING BURST onto Israel's social scene brandishing its new name two weeks ago, Na'amat is today holding a special rally in Jerusalem, with the participation of the Prime Minister, to highlight its first obvious transformation in many a year.

Under the new name there are, of course, some familiar old facts. For essentially Na'amat is still Moetzet Hapahalot (Working Women's Council), the policy-making aspect of the Histadrut's women's movement, with its scores of local branches known throughout the country as belonging to Irgun Imahot Ovdot (Working Mothers' Organization), and supported abroad by a sister organization, Pioneer Women, which operates in 12 different countries, mainly the U.S.

The brand new name should, however, help in clearing up the confusion bred by a variety of titles, and establish Na'amat in the public eye for what it is. Certainly it ought to lead to a better awareness of the responsibilities of the movement as a whole, and even more importantly, it could serve to give Na'amat a fresh start and direction.

Na'amat's 30,000 active members today run day creches and kindergartens for working mothers' kids, vocational centres for school-girl dropouts, and dormitory schools for orphans and underprivileged youth. Its community centres provide courses for parents in home economics and psychology. These activities are largely concentrated in the country's poorer localities, and they serve to introduce the newer immigrants from the lands of Asia and Africa, and their children, to modern ideas and technologies. But the movement also puts out a monthly magazine, now also renamed Na'amat, which is widely considered to be one of the best of its kind in Israel.

The main thrust of Na'amat's effort is indeed directed at bridging the social gulf which separates, in communal terms, well off Ashkenazim and hard up Sephardim. This is admittedly an explosive division, in the elimination of which the authorities have invested a great deal of attention and resources. Yet the investment has not nearly been sufficient. Particularly in these belt-tightening days, the social services dispensed by the Government are liable to be the first victims of any retrenchment. This leaves the field wide open for a movement of working and volunteer women — such as the one from which Na'amat takes its acronym — to provide the needed initiative.

For all its undoubted past achievements, the 55-year-old Na'amat can ill afford to rest on its laurels. There is no question, for example, that the country's working womanpower — and its national product — could significantly be increased if more, and less expensive, creches were available for young mothers. This is now recognized to be one of the keys to the relief of the shortage of hospital nurses. Na'amat has done great things in this area, but it is alleged that its creches, like those of other women's organizations, are too few and too expensive.

Fortunately, in Tamar Eshel, its dynamic new secretary-general who took over last year after the death of veteran Beba Idelson, newly-fashioned Na'amat has the guarantee of spirited leadership to cope with future challenges.

All quiet in the Gulf

THE LITTLE OIL STORM in the Gulf of Suez has now blown over, it seems. The full details of an arrangement between Israel and the U.S. are still to be worked out by a mission which is due to leave Jerusalem for Washington later this week, but the general principles of a settlement were already agreed upon at a meeting yesterday between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Ambassador Malcolm Toon.

Basically, this involves an acceptance by the U.S. of the Israeli contention that the situation created in the Suez Gulf by the 1967 Six Day War must be maintained — south, that is, of Abu Rodeis, which has in the meantime been ceded back to the Egyptians. The concession granted back in 1964 by the Egyptian Government to the Amoco company will be fully respected, but no fresh oil drillings will in fact be attempted east of the Gulf's median line without the prior consent of the Israeli authorities. Thus both Israeli and American interests will be satisfied, without either side impinging on the other's preserve.

With this happy ending already in view, it is only to be regretted that an entirely minor disagreement — which should have been left from the start to the processes of quiet diplomacy — was worked up by needless publicity to look as though it was about to acquire the dimensions of a major confrontation.

ISRAEL PRESS

DAVAR (Histadrut), analysing the Chief-of-Staff's annual interview says Rav Aluf Gur was correct in evaluating the "manpower revolution" in the armed forces as the greatest achievement of the year — even above the Entebbe operation, which he described as "a culmination of the efforts of the preceding years." He shares the Government's positive evaluation of the immediate effects of the interim agreement with Egypt on the calm along the borders and expressed satisfaction with the new lines in Sinai.

The paper notes that, despite the period of calm, the Chief-of-Staff sees no possibilities of cutting down national service and was not satisfied with the scale of volunteering to serve in the regular army.

"With our memories of three years ago, we can only welcome Rav Aluf Gur's aim of developing organized think tanks in the I.D.F. that will, as he put it, ensure that fewer errors are made than in the past and will

provide a more accurate, scientifically-based picture of developments in the Arab world."

AL HAMISHMAR (Mapam): "Now that the Koenig document has been made public, the Israeli public has shown how firmly it rejects its author's ideas and proposals. We can see no reason why the cabinet, or at least the ministerial committee on the Arab population, should not dissociate itself openly from the very dangerous 'operative plan' put forward by Koenig."

"Even though formally it may be said that this was an internal document, a memorandum from a senior civil servant to his minister — the ideas expressed relate to the attitude of the authorities toward the Arabs of the Galilee. Koenig himself is the senior representative. Frequent complaints have been voiced by Arab representatives from all political sectors about the arbitrary nature of his actions."

CHILE: AFTER THE NIGHT COMES LIGHT

Three years ago, on September 11, 1973, the left-wing Government of President Salvador Allende was overthrown by a coup carried out by the leaders of the army, navy, air force, and national police. Allende, isolated in the presidential palace, committed suicide. Since then Chile has become infamous for its oppression and totalitarianism, but there are signs of a new dawn, writes **ELIEZER BEN-AMI**.



Salvador Allende — fell "defending with arms a regime he had tried to defend with his own institutions."

ANYONE who has lived in South America has seen the dawn, after one of those long, sad, rainy nights of winter. It is hard for the sun to establish its light, which comes slowly, recedes and comes back again. The clouds, the dew suspended in the air, and the cold are efficient allies of the night, struggling to remain. But it cannot, strong as the winter may be; the day-night, darkness-light, fear-calm cycle continues relentlessly.

This happens and will go on happening forever, everywhere. And in the far south of South America, where today peoples are living through an hour of dramatic darkness, light will arrive for them too. Not at the same time, not in the same way, for all of them, but it will arrive. In the blackest moments of history, when the abyss appeared to be most unfathomable, man always saw the first tidings of the liberating dawn.

We believe that this is what is happening in the country where we were born and where we fought. There, clinging to the backbone of the Andes, well to the south, lies Chile. There, there is a long history, often painful. This is a country that was built by hard work, that never had much gold, a country where Nature was always rough towards those who chose to live there. It has known devastating earthquakes; it has always been a challenge for the natives, for the conquerors, for the builders. But, if there was no gold, there was always something that aided progress: its wonderful climate; its variety of natural resources; its good earth, and — above all — its liberty.

True, this people wasn't completely different from the other peoples of America; it wasn't above violence, that violence which is in the blood of men. But it is an island. Mountains, ocean, desert and arctic ice have made it insular, and that has imparted something different to the character of its men and women.

During the century and a half after it broke its ties with Spain, Chile tried to grow up and, in the political field, it advanced more than many of its continental brothers. There was a certain amount of anarchy, but it did not last long and it was not very bloody. There were struggles and confrontations but, like the earth tremors, they were violent and short.

Even in its weaknesses and its faults, democracy was an outstanding attribute. Tyrants, or those who aspired to be tyrants, never forced themselves on the people easily. Even General Carlos Ibanez had to learn that lesson between 1928 and 1931. So much so that, when, in 1952, he was elected again, he preferred to

resist his counsellors, and possibly his own natural inclinations, and governed "as democratically as he could," considering the people who surrounded him and the vested interests operating on him. And that was all — until September 11, 1973.

THAT DAY, darkness engulfed everything, rupturing the cycle of history, blotting out the past, destroying man's humanity to his fellow. No matter what "arguments" the authors of the trauma mouthed at the moment. Time and facts, always more obstinate than words, have separated the roots and the dead leaves, the truth and the lies. Very few people are now ignorant of the background to the bloody and painful fall of the constitutional government of President Salvador Allende.

Of course, there are those who, in Chile and outside it, stick to their version and prefer to be blind. We have known them in many places. In Germany, in Italy, in Spain, in every country which has suffered under the boot of fascism. There is no death of them. Later, when the brutal truth is forced before their eyes, they stammer, "We didn't know, we never thought, we couldn't believe..." Or the more revolting, "We obeyed orders. We were soldiers."

If Chile had been allowed to follow the path from which it was bestially dragged by tanks and planes, torture and death, another presidential election would have taken place on September 4, when Allende's term of office would have ended. It is difficult to say what the people might have said. But the people would have been allowed to speak their minds, as they had been able to do for decades — with all their mistakes and all their limitations. Until bombs and bullets destroyed the presidential mansion, burying reason and thought under its rubble.

Allende fell, as Gabriel Garcia Marquez has said, "defending with arms a regime he had tried to defend with his own institutions. Strange paradox, the President thought that they would suffice, and for almost three years he resisted any alternative. On September 11, when he had to entrench himself in the Moneda, he had to handle a sub-machine gun."

That is a harsh epitaph from the author of "One Hundred Years of Solitude," but he is a Colombian, and an Indo-American; he knows because he has learned.

TODAY, Chile is different. Chile is world-famous, but no longer for its democracy, nor for its rare constitutional survival; not because of Pablo Neruda or Gabriela Mistral, not for its wine and its copper, not even for its periodical seismic movements. Now, for all sectors, it means another kind of symbol. According to "Time," "Newsweek," "Le Monde," "Cambio 16," "El Popolo," "Der Spiegel," "Pravda," "Al Hamishmar," "Davar," and other papers in front of, behind, or above all the known curtains, its name heads the list of the most oppressive, most totalitarian, most devoid of human rights countries.

BUT DAWN is not far away. Inside and outside Chile we see omens, slow as yet and imprecise, but constant. Omens of a dawn which is beginning to show its light. Democrats have learned a hard lesson, and now the blind are beginning to see. We are witnessing the first united actions of an opposition to the governing military junta — an opposition made up of those who "erred" or who, without having erred, are anguished by the long night, by the now irrefutable proof of that which yesterday they did not want to believe.

The task will be neither easy nor short. Those who have achieved power will not relinquish it. Not easily. Not all the men and movements who are now in opposition have completely learned the lesson: there is still reticence, even sectarianism. But at the end of the road waits, radiant, a dawn of liberty.

Eliezer Ben-Ami is the pen-name of a well-known former Chilean politician, now living in Israel, who led Allende's Socialist-Communist coalition, "Unidad Popular."

Dry Bones



READERS' LETTERS

PRELATURE SELF-CONGRATULATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir. — It was a relief to find Philip Gilon's dogmatic and biased opinions under the heading, "As I see it," rather than camouflaged as T.V. commentary.

Nevertheless, how can he possibly describe as a "victory" (August 20) the Savoy Hotel disaster in which the terrorists landed undetected in the centre of Tel Aviv and achieved one of their stated goals: either to free their list of prisoners or to blow themselves up with their hostages. Our massive frontal attack failed in its objective of saving the hostages — only two of whom escaped unscathed — and the general disarray, seen by all downtown Tel Aviv and via T.V. by the world, did our image no good.

Fortunately our security forces

learn from their mistakes. The Hotel lead to the methods of Entebbe. As to the Sinai Agreement, the public congratulation is only a cent of the government propaganda of Sept. "success" of the which enabled Nasir to tell the world that the generous concession Pass were wise. At our political success, Arab's interline we complacency and have done us too much past — do not let us

BLUNDERS OVER SOVIET AL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir. — In your report, "New ways studied to cut Soviet ally drop-outs" (August 18), two alternatives are suggested both of which are wrong.

The first alternative is greater selectivity by Israel in granting visas. This could only be considered if the Law of Return were abrogated or amended. Moreover, if this alternative were adopted, it would put Russian Jews in double jeopardy: after taking a terrible risk by applying for permission to leave for Israel, losing their jobs and being without means of support, they might be denied permission by Israel to come here. The KGB could well use such a situation for its own ends. But most important, if Russian Jews learned of just one case where Israel had refused to grant a visa to a Jew, they would never risk passing through a "double selection."

The second alternative help provided to drop organizations, including also wrong. People genuine reasons for a country other (relatives, job opportunities, etc.) are leaving the Soviet to "acum" which are movements and are a scheme would always circumventing the law. As far as I can see, the purpose of such proposals, the Israel administration in promoting aliyah, is only aim they could be to cut down ally the number of drop-

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To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir. — We are appalled at the suggestion of the development of a 500-600 boat marina at Migdal and, to add insult to injury, the planning of an additional 100-150 boat marina at Tiberias, as reported by Abraham Rabinovich on September 3.

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